(d) to (f) The progress of allocated coal blocks as well as linked end use plant is reviewed in the review meeting held under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Coal) alongwith the representatives from the Administrative Ministries and State Governments concerned. In the review meeting, allocatees present the status of progress made on the development of coal blocks as well as end use plants and they also share the difficulties faced at the field level with the Committee. The last review meeting was held on 22nd and 23rd June, 2009 with all the coal block allocattees to review the development of coal blocks and the end use projects. In the meeting the allocattees had indicated difficulties faced in obtaining statutory clearances and mining lease, preparing mining plan, acquisition of land, procuring machinery and equipment etc. for both mining as well as end-use project. The representatives of the concerned State Governments were requested to facilitate expeditious mitigation of difficulties faced by the allocatees. The administrative Ministries concerned were also requested to undertake review at their level and facilitate expeditious development of end use projects.

In a meeting convened on 10.08.2009, the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Coal had also asked the State Governments to form a Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Secretary to facilitate expeditious development of coal/lignite blocks.

Greenfield Urea Project in West Bengal

3394. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any private group is going ahead with its Greenfield Urea Project in West Bengal with Coal Bed Methane (CBM) from Essar's Raniganj CBM Block;

(b) whether it is a fact that requisite land for the purpose has been identified and allocated in the nearby area by West Bengal Government;

(c) whether a meeting was held between the top officials of Department of Fertilizers and the group on policy issues concerning the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As per the information received from Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Department of Fertilizers, M/s Matrix Fertilizers and Chemical Limited (MFCL), a Matrix Group Company has proposed for setting up of a Greenfield Gas Based Ammonia-Urea project in Burdwan District, West Bengal, based on Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Gas which will be supplied to them by Essar Oil Limited's Raniganj CBM block. The company has informed that the land has been identified by the Government of West Bengal.

(c) and (d) The representatives of company met the senior official of Department of Fertilizers and forwarded suggestions for amendments in the New Investment Policy for urea manufacturing units, notified by the Department of Fertilizers on 4th September, 2008.